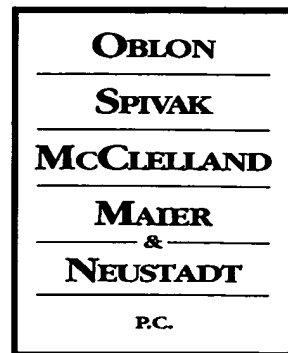




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Responsive to the Official Action dated May 30, 2002, Applicants elect, with traverse, Group I, Claims 1-10 and 27-28.

REMARKS

Applicants wish to thank Examiner Ribar for the helpful discussion with their undersigned Representative on May 16, 2002. In addition, Applicants would like to thank Examiner Ribar for the indication that Claims 27-51 were added by the Preliminary Amendment filed on June 25, 2001, and for reissuing the Restriction Requirement reflecting all the pending claims.

The Office has required restriction in the present application as follows:

Group I: Claims 1-10 and 27-28, drawn to an ultraphobic surface;

Group II: Claims 11-15 and 29-31, drawn to materials having ultraphobic surfaces;

Group III: Claims 16 and 32-34, drawn to a process for preparing an ultraphobic surface;